

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges election of Group III claims 4-17.

Claims 4-15 and 17 remain in this application. Claims 1-3, 16 and 18-21 are canceled. Claims 4, 5, 11 and 12 are amended.

Specification Amendment

The Specification is amended to indicate the present application is a national stage entry of a PCT application.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 11 and 12 are amended to obviate the Examiner's respective objections thereto.

Claim 5 is amended to delete all instances of "about."

Claim 11 is amended to depend from claim 10 instead of claim 4 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claim 12 is amended to replace the "/" with an "and."

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in each of claims 15 and 16.

Claim 15 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of intervening claim 14 and base claim 4, and is therefore now allowable.

Claim 4 is amended to include all of the features of allowable claim 16, and is therefore now allowable.

All of the claims depending from allowable claim 4 are also allowable.

In view of the examiner's earlier restriction requirement, applicant retains the right to present all withdrawn claims in divisional application(s).

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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